TERMS and CONDITIONS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Commercial Area Transit Node Housing Program (CATNHP) Rental Program

For more information please call the CATNHP staff at (617) 573-1300.

Eligible Borrowers:	For profit developers; non-profit developers; housing authorities;
	municipalities in cooperation with any of the above.
Eligible Activities:	Acquisition, new construction and/or rehabilitation of existing structures for multi-family rental use. Minimum project size of 5 CATNHP-assisted units.
Maximum Loan Amount:	DHCD will award up to \$1,000,000 per project or \$50,000 per CATNHP-assisted unit. If additional project sources become available after application, DHCD may reduce its award.
Local Contribution:	Projects located in HOME entitlement or HOME consortium communities must include a commitment of local funds. If an application is submitted without a match, it will not be scored. In general, preference will be given to applications with full match commitments.
Cost/Fee Limits:	The combined cost of the developer fee, developer overhead and development consultant may not exceed 12.5% of a project's Total Development Cost. Development consultant costs included in developer fee limits consist of all consultants performing developer services, e.g., green consultants, historic consultants, tax credit consultants, relocation consultants, etc. For projects seeking Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) with CATNHP funds, the developer fee, overhead and development consultant costs must be within the allowable LIHTC limits. DHCD will not permit an increase in the total developer fee, overhead, and consulting costs from the calculation submitted and approved in the OneStop Application. Please note: all applicants who receive CATNHP funding will be required to provide a full cost certification completed by a Certified Public Account at project completion. Upon completion of the development, any cost savings from the original budget for the development, including 100% of the unused soft cost contingency, shall be paid pro rata to the MassDocs participating lenders as a prepayment of their respective loan and/or grant. At the option of DHCD, the savings may be held as a capital reserve for the development.
Security:	All CATNHP loans will be secured by a mortgage on the property. CATNHP funds are often subordinate to other loans; the subordinate position will depend upon the financial structure of the deal.
Affordability:	All units receiving CATNHP assistance must be occupied by households earning no more than 80% of the area median income for 30 years. Developers are permitted to charge up to LIHTC rents for CATNHP units only upon initial rent-up and upon turnover (not upon lease renewal). Please note that units funded with HOME and

	CATNHP must comply with HOME rent rules.
Holdback Feature:	DHCD provides CATNHP funds through a requisition process and
	holds back 10% of the CATNHP award until the project is substantially
	complete.
Term of Loan:	Loans will be for 30 years. During the final year of a loan, the owner
	may request an extension in order to maintain the affordability of the
	housing. Typically, there will be one payment due at maturity, in an
	amount (subject to adjustment for costs, penalties, and other charges
	under the terms of the loan documents) representing the entire balance
	of the loan. However, DHCD reserves the right to require repayment
	of the CATNHP loan out of cash flow if DHCD deems there is or may
	be at some point in the future adequate cash flow to do so.
Recourse:	The loans will be non-recourse.
Interest Rate:	Generally, DHCD CATNHP loans are deferred payment loans with
	zero percent interest rates. DHCD reserves the right to assign a higher
	rate of interest to any CATNHP loan.
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Debt Coverage Ratio:	DHCD expects CATNHP projects to have minimum debt coverage
	ratios of approximately 1.15 in year one.
Sustainable Development	Applicants should submit applications for projects that are guided by
Principles:	DHCD's principles to encourage sustainable development.
Environmental:	An ASTM Phase One environmental assessment must be completed
	and submitted for each property within the project, either with the
	application or as part of the loan closing documentation. Properties also
	may be subject to additional review.
Marketability:	Applicants for CATNHP funds must include a detailed market study
	prepared by a qualified professional or other entity acceptable to
	DHCD, demonstrating marketability for the affordable and market rate
	units (including comps, demographic data, and property management
	information).
Resident Selection &	Applications for CATNHP funds must include a detailed description of
Affirmative Fair	the process that will be used to select tenants and also must include a
Marketing:	detailed description of affirmative fair housing marketing efforts.
	Applicants must incorporate DHCD's most current Fair Housing
	Mission Statement and Principles including changes enacted by HR
	3221, into project marketing.
Annual Data Collection:	Applicants who receive CATNHP funding will be required to report
	household characteristic data for all CATNHP-assisted units at the time
	of final rent-up and on an annual basis from that point forward. Project
	owners or their specified designees will be required to report using the
	web-based data collection system developed by DHCD.
Good Standing at	Applicants for CATNHP funds, including all members of their
DHCD:	development teams, must be in good standing with DHCD with respect
	to other DHCD-assisted projects.
Application Fees:	The application fee for non-profit developers is \$450 per project; the
	fee for for-profit developers is \$1,250 per project.